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HEADQUARTERS NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with great pride and humility that I have accepted the honor of becoming the 5th President of QCWA. Founded in 1947, QCWA has now grown to over 6000 active members and 64 Chapters, located throughout the world. We represent, by far, the second largest group of radio amateurs, bound together by the common bond of interests and fellowship.

The membership has elected with me, a dedicated group of officers and directors to represent you in our association affairs. I am calling upon them to take an active part on your behalf and am looking forward to working with them to that end.

We hope to continue the work of our Founders, by ever increasing our membership and bringing to it fresh interests and ideas. Molded together with the years of broad experience of our present members, we will continue to grow in knowledge and friendship, both over the air and in our chapter meetings.

Frank A. Gunther W2ALS

Dues statements will be sent out very soon, and we are also working on the new QCWA Callbook for 1974-75. It is hoped that all members will send in their dues as soon as possible. At least by March 1st in order that we may get the callbook in your hands by the end of June 1974. Only those members who are paid up in dues will be listed in the new callbook.

The President, officers and Board of Directors, send their greetings at this time of the festive year, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and/or Happy Chanukah, and that 1974 will be a most happy year, with good health and happiness.

17th ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

One of the best activities of QCWA has been the Annual QSO Party. The QSO Party was originally conceived and outlined by Stan Belliveau. We are all thankful that Stan, W7AYO had the inspiration which came while he was participating in an "On the Air Board Meeting" of the Chapter in the fall of 1957. In the beginning it was planned as a vehicle to get the old-timers on the air to renew old friendships at least once a year throughout the whole QCWA rather than just within their own individual Chapters. Arrangements, log checking and all of the other work required to make a successful party were handled by Dr. Spike, W7OS, and Charles Emigh, W7ER, with the help of the whole Northwest Chapter. After 17 years, that first QSO Party has now grown by leaps and bounds QCWA members from over the entire world taking part in the Party..... With so many participating, the QSO Party has evolved into a snappy operating exercise, wherein contacts with as many QCWA members as one can get hold of, rather than longer QSO's associated with rag-chewing. This years party is a new ball-game, and you'll find some rag-chewers, if you like that, and some 40 WPM ops too...Join in and have some fun!

The Official Rules for the 17th Annual QCWA QSO Party have been set up to simplify the procedure and to give everyone an equal chance to make a good score. Scoring in the Party is made up of two factors; 1. The total number of contacts made with QCWA members (multiple contacts on different frequencies or otherwise may not be counted)..and 2. A multiplier which is made up of the total number of countries, states, or provinces. Each such contact provides a multiplier of 1. There are no single contacts with multipliers greater than 1.

The Party Starts: 2400 GMT, Feb. 8, and ends; 2400 GMT, Feb. 10, 1974

OFFICIAL RULES

Contacts Every contact made with another QCWA Member will count as a single point. Repeat contacts on other frequencies, or bands do not count for additional points.

Multipliers Every member will receive a multiplier of (1) for each state, province, country or political sub-division designated by a call-sign prefix, i.e., XE1, XE2, G1, G2 as an example will each be a multiplier of (1). Each State of the U. S. is a multiplier of (1). Multiple contacts with individual states, or call-sign prefixes do not count for multipliers. All such contacts must of course be with a QCWA member. Special callsigns such as GB2 do not count. There are no multipliers greater than (1).

Frequencies Activity will be found within about 5 kHz of the following frequencies:

CW - 3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, 28050 kHz
SSB/AM - 3900, 7240, 14270, 14340, 21390, 21435, 28600
RTTY - 3595, 7095, 14095, 21070, 28070 kHz

Stay as close to these frequencies as possible, i.e., in the band + - kHz from the above center frequencies. If you meet an old friend for a rag-chew, move just above or below the 10 kHz operating bands specified above. Please be courteous to all other Amateurs.

Editorial Comment - stuff and things:

We, in QCWA have again come to the end of a bi-annual period, having at this time completed election and installation of new Officers and Directors who are charged with providing leadership for the Organization... It seems desirable to take stock of ourselves at this time - to perhaps draw conclusions as to the effectiveness of QCWA and to possibly look a bit into the future.

The 1971 Election saw an abrupt change from past policy, wherein each election the then Vice President was generally elected to the Presidential Chair. The Honorable Barry Goldwater was nominated and elected as President. Many felt that he would be unable to give enough time to QCWA, but such was not the case - one of the really busy men in America did come through for QCWA and Amateur Radio, as he has many times in the past. In addition to the time and effort spent in our behalf, his position as President of QCWA lent Dignity and Prestige to ourselves & to QCWA...From QCWA-ers everywhere "Thank You Barry."

A number of things took shape out of the 1972-1973 period brought several changes - an increase in dues, and in the cost of Life Memberships made necessary because of increased postal charges, printing and other costs of running the Association. The past two years saw introduction of the endorsements stickers for the old-timers having more than 50 yrs in Amateur Radio. This was a welcome addition to the portion of QCWA dealing with honoring the pioneers in Amateur Radio. About a year ago A new Certificate of Merit was introduced, authorized specifically as a means to honor those who give of their time and means to promote the welfare of QCWA and Amateur Radio. Across the country Chapters that have been inactive have suddenly bloomed into life - with new members & new men working to promote friendship and fellowship - the mainstays of QCWA. Individual memberships have climbed steadily to over 6000 at the time of this writing...it has truly been a good period, a balanced bit of growth and achievement in which all may take pride.

Speaking Editorially, QCWA stands now at the threshold of a new period of its existence. Several routes are open to us - we may, for instance place more emphasis on social activity - a route easy to follow, and in most cases satisfying...on the other hand we might lean a bit toward an active interest in where Amateur Radio is going, and develop interest in what we might do to assist its growth. It is probably best that we follow a tested and true policy of development of our Social Activities because herein we find a meeting ground for development of understanding and trust without which we cannot accomplish anything. As we gain in the acceptance of each other, we can then begin taking an interest in Amateur Radio - the very basis of our existence. There are certain to be areas of agreement among us and upon which we may express ourselves. I cannot personally conceive of a group having greater experience in business, law, finance and living than QCWA...the prestige of a group of this type would be tremendous, and can swing the balance when we might be faced with the loss of our privilege of operating our Radio Stations. It is the job of our leadership to find such areas of agreement and to shape policies wherein we can exert our strength in behalf of Radio Amateurs everywhere. This is a difficult and treacherous job, but the satisfactions can be magnificent for all of us. Who among us would not fight to perpetuate the Radio privileges we have had for our grandchildren?

QCWA has a new President, and a new Board of Directors and Officers. We can take pride in these men, all of whom are a credit to QCWA. 5 It is

a pleasure to welcome Mr. Frank Gunther, W2ALS as President of QCWA for 1974-1975 years. There are few honors that have not been deservedly awarded to Mr. Gunther. He has held positions of great responsibility in Business Administration and in Engineering. To list only a part of work and the recognitions given him would require several pages of this size. It is with anticipation that we look forward to inspired leadership and a real surge forward in the spirit of fellowship and achievement in QCWA. It was with pleasure that we noted the nomination and election of Harry Wills, WIDJ, as Secretary of QCWA. He will serve us well...and likewise, on the Board of Directors, G. D. Meserve, W0HG who has long been associated with Amateur Radio and who can be counted upon to assist in setting goals for QCWA in the future. We welcome them all and pledge to work and assist in every possible way to make their work rewarding to them, and profitable for QCWA.

We have received a short and sweet note from the hand of our immediate past President - it was addressed to our General Manager, Col. Gus Gironda, W2JE for the work he has done and for the work he does for us each day. It is not often that a man can be found, dedicated to service, as we have in Gus! May we echo Barry Goldwaters words - "Thank you Gus for a job well done."

We have received comments with regard to the biographical statement in the document outlining the amateur experiences of Harry Wills, WIDJ. It was stated that Harry began with a small spark rig in 1926...The comment was that Spark was outlawed in 1923!!! Not so! Here is an excerpt from the "New" Amateur Regulations dated July 24, 1924. "To all Supervisors of Radio, Sirs: Effective this date you are authorized to issue general and restricted amateur radio station licenses to permit the use of any one or all of the following bands of short-wave lengths: -75 to 80 meters, 40 to 43 meters, 20 to 22 meters, 4 to 5 meters, in addition to the band 150 to 200 meters provided application is made by the owner of the station, which station must be prepared to use the wave lengths, requested. The use of continuous wave telegraphy only will be permitted on wave lengths other than 150 to 200 meters and the antenna circuit must not be directly coupled to the transmitting circuit....." Herein is the definite authority to continue with the use of spark, radio-telephone and/or ICW on the band 150 to 200 meters.

We are in receipt of a Chapter Roster. This is one of the finest books we have ever seen, and bears the unmistakable hand of Bert Ayers, W6CL. The Southern California Chapter has issued the Roster of the Chapter, a long awaited booklet, beautifully printed and jacketed. The Roster was compiled by Earl Burdette, W6YYV who spent many hours in arranging and correcting the material. It is a credit to the Chapter, to QCWA and to Dr. Mert Moser, W6HS founder of the Chapter.

It was with pleasure that we were able to obtain one of Dr. Lee DeForest's "audion" tubes. The tube appears to be in wonderful condition, with the filament whole. These are really rare, and it will be held in trust for future Amateurs to see. The tube, complete with the box it originally came in was made available by the courtesy of James McGraw, W5QB, of San Antonio, Texas, a good QCWA member. His sacrifice is sure appreciated, and the tube will bear his name.

A letter will go forth to each Officer and Director of QCWA inviting them to write a 100-200 word paragraph for publication in the Newsletter. Some may be anonymous, but if we receive and material and credit it to our officers, you can be certain that its the real thing!

SCOTTSDALE, 1973. Earl Burdette W6YYV sent a couple of pictures airmail for the Newsletter. At right, outgoing President Barry Goldwater presents a 50-year Award to a good QCWA member, and below is shown the Head Table..



The Pictures are a bit dark but perhaps if you wipe your glasses a bit you can see, L to R:

John Grigges, W6KW, SW Division Director ARRL; Harry Gartsman;

W6ATC, Vice President, QCWA; Frank Gunther, W2ALS, President of QCWA; Col. Gironde, W2JE, Executive Secretary, General Manager QCWA; Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, outgoing President QCWA; Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB, Director; Mark Devaney, K4IDC, Treasurer; Moe Joffe, W6PHE and Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF.



Earl reports there were 14 members with their wives & guests from SoCal Chapter & quite a group from the NoCal and San-Diego Chapters. It was a good meeting!!

Southern California Chapter of QCWA - W6YYV -

The Southern California Chapter of QCWA Fall Dinner Meeting was held at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on September 29, 1973, with a big 166 members and guests in attendance. SoCal has the biggest meetings!

The Chapter wants to thank Gus, W2JE for getting the 50-year certificates out in time for the meeting presentation. At left are shown those fine QCWA members who were honored by the presentation. L-R are: Wallace Wiggins, W6CHZ; Mr. Ned Culler, W6JZ; James B. Delaney, W6POO... Our Congrats to all!



Officers for the 1974 year are as follows:

Director at Large, Dr. Mert Moser, W6HS
 President, S. E. Burdette, W6YYV
 Vice President, Herb Gleed, W6FQ
 Secretary-Treasurer, Moe Joffe, W6PHE
 Publicity Chairman, Ray Meyers, W6MLZ
 Historian, Bert Ayers, W6CL

It was announced that the Chapter would share a booth with OOTC at the SW Division ARRL Convention, in North Hollywood!

Friday, October 5, 1973 saw the final work that lead to formation of a new QCWA Chapter. A few of those who worked to establish the "Nebraska QCWA Chapter" are shown here - L to R: we see Tom Boydston, WØVYX; Ferris Kramer, WØYZK; Leroy Smith, Jr. WØQH0; Col. Gus Girona, W2JE.

Organizational work for the Chapter began while a large group of those interested attended the ARRL Midwest Convention held in Lincoln, Nebr.



A "Dutch Treat" dinner, held at Tony & Luige's Steak House, attended by 26 members - interested guests and xyl's brought the total number to 56. Tom Boydston, WØVYX acted as Master of Cermonies! Following the dinner it was decided that a request for Formal Chapter Status was to be made through Gus Girona, W2JE, with the Official name listed as "Nebraska QCWA Chapter." Election of Officers was conducted with the following elected without opposition:

Wayne Moore, WØGEQ, President
 Joe Cardwell, WØDMQ, Vice President
 Tom Boydston, WØVYX, Treasurer
 Art Gaeth, WØFQB, Secretary
 Garold Bennett, WØWKP, Director
 Alvin Reed, WØOWR, Director
 Randall Faris, WØMYT, Director

It was noted that the Officers and directors constitute the Board of Directors for the Chapter. It was agreed that any new members joining the Chapter before Jan. 1, 1974 will be designated as Charter Members. Official Charter Presentation ceremonies will occur in a January, 1974 meeting to be announced.

An on-the-air meeting has been established at 9AM, CST each Sunday, on 3980 kHz. The first three meetings saw 16, 12 and 14 QNI the net!



The Chapter expresses its appreciation to "Uncle Gus, W2JE" for his help in organizing the Chapter...In the pix to the left we see L-R, Art Gaeth, WØFQB, Secretary; and Wayne Moore, WØGEQ, President.

QCWA-ers everywhere
 Welcome the New Chapter
 Congratulations to all
 who helped make it a
 reality!



Upper Midwest Chapter Officials attending a QCWA meeting held in October. L to R are:

Roy Nordos, WØVSA and Carl Hvambdal, WØLV..

Photos by

Gar Anderson, WØKE

The Upper Midwest Chapter (Minneapolis-St. Paul) activities for 1973 featured a February meeting at which time Ray, WØVSA, above, was made President and Carl, WØ/KE was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The program for that meeting was an updating on the latest FCC and ARRL matters by Charles Compton, WØBUO, ARRL Director, and a film titled "Go to the moon with Sheppard, Rosso and Mitchell." an official NASA film presented by Joe Pavak, WØEP.

The June meeting, with 34 members and guests was held at Toni's M & M Supper Club, a fine new restaurant where every Friday a large number of hams gather informally. Frank Moser, WØSNX, the Chapters newest member was welcomed by Roy Nordos, WØVSA. The evening program was a demonstration of a home-brew keyboard keyer by Bob Hall, WØCRO, and a fine talk by Ron Dunbar, WØMJS dealing with integrated circuits and down to earth discussions of integrated circuits and their application in amateur apparatus.

The October meeting, held at the Minneapolis Northwestern Hospital, where Drs. Russell Bagley, WØNBU, and Jack Reed and Mr. Ramiro Munoz described and demonstrated the use of electronics and data processing in clinical patient care. The program ended with a tour of the Hospital facilities.

Door prizes were won by Bert Coil, WØBCT and Matt Simonick, WØRTE... Hams visiting the Twin Cities should join the Friday noon lunch bunch at Toni's Supper Club - lots of good QCWA members always on hand.

At right is shown a sure winner in a home-brew contest - Bob Hall, with his fine keyboard keyer!

Listen for WØCRO to see how it sounds!

Gonna have to go work on WDGY's antenna system so we can visit this gang!





We are indebted to Carlton Williams forgetting his flashgun and thereby getting a bunch of pix too light... and the only good one was of three very attractive ladies who attended the Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Chapter fall meeting, held on Sunday, Oct 7 at Tonidale's, at the junction of Route 22-30 & Parkway West. It was a fine meeting with the following in attendance: W3DM & xyl; W3VPK; W3JAV; W3LGD & xyl; W5AKG; W3KRG & xyl and W3KPI and xyl. An excellent dinner and personal visiting was enjoyed by everyone. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13th, Sunday at noon at Tonidales. News to all members goes out through the Chapter newsletter which is popular with all hands. On-the-air meeting schedule is at 3910 kHz on Sunday, at 0900 EST. Everyone is invited to take part! The chapter welcomes a new Life Member, Sid Thomas, W3JQ from Jeannette, Pa., Sid is a real old-timer, running the gamut from shipboard operating - TV Station in the South, to field-engineering now for an Electronics firm.

A PLEA FOR A HELPING HAND We have received a simple letter outlining need for help. Colegio Jose Guadalupe Zuno, has requested donations of books written in Spanish, to be used for young childrens education. A donation of money which would be used to purchase instruments or equipment for science laboratories. The address is:

Colegio Jose Guadalupe Zuno
Calle 32 (Roman Morales) #16,
Apartado Postal 1-1829
Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

'GATOR CHAPTER, FLORIDA - K4GT -

The Gator Chapter Fall meeting got underway by having a "sloshpitality Room" at the Greater Tampa Bay Ham fet on October 6 & 7th. This room was well attended! A novelty there was a "straight Line" drawn on the floor near the Bar-----This was the "Testing for Equilibrium Mark." A few members took the test and were then guided by judges who figured their capabilities! President Cap Grigsby, K4MFF presided at the Oct. 13 luncheon meeting at Causeway Inn where he appointe a nominating Committee, chaired by Hal Bates, WA4-FIU. The Committee is charged with naming a list of potential officers for the coming election.



Pictured above are proud owners of 50-year Golden Certificates given at the meeting. L-R are: Maj. Gen. Ivan Farman, USAF (ret), K4QJ; and Wilson Kohli, WA4MFD and Charles McIntyre, WB4DDP. QCWA salutes a fine group of Amateurs, each with a half-century of experience. A number of Gator Chapter members on the sick-list have been in & out of hospitals. Among them is Jack Gray, WB4MPF of St. Petersburg. He is now home c onvalescing. We're all rooting for you Jack! Frank Shannon, K4GT reports that "Dave" W4GQ, present Chapter Secretary is accepting nomination for another years work. Dedication to service like this is really appreciated! and Frank - we really only got one picture, not 5!

Make Plans for the QSO Party in 74



Pictures from the Sydney Chapter, at the left, L to R are: Clive, WV2YP; Harry, VK2AJW & Harry, VK2DA who is President of Sydney Chapter.

Below are shown, L-R; Bob, VK2ARG; George, VK2QF; Eric, VK2BEL; and Morrie, VK2VN.

These VK pictures were taken by Jerry Stover W5KZN, of Dallas, who vacationed in Australia this past summer.

Jerry says the Sydney Chapter holds informal meetings each month & he was lucky enough to be able to attend one of these meetings.

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LATE NEWS - While visiting on the National QCWA QSO Party, Nov 11, we were informed of the passing of several members. Nat, W2AIM gave the following names as silent keys:

Benjamin H. Russ, W2QZ
Richard C. Dupont, W2MD
Harold R. Brock, W7KR

Our friends will be missed.

W2AIM called George Bailey, W2KH and reported that George has retired from all business activities and is taking it easy. Seriously, George is feeling OK, but tired...we miss you on the air, George!

Northern California Chapter sent Bulletin #4, November, 1973 reporting Roger Williams, W6WGF and xyl, and Steve Cerwin, K6OJO and his xyl and Port Evans, W7YP and his XYL attended the Scottsdale meeting at which time Barry Goldwater presented a 50-year certificate to W7YP. Chapter members asked that we thank Walt Cooper, who hosted the Annual Picnic in Woodside!

Earl Burdette, W6YYV. President of the Southern California Chapter has been approached concerning the possibility of establishment of a Central California Chapter of QCWA. Many members have pointed out that it is a long distance to travel to attend QCWA meetings at either Southern or Northern California Chapters. Please note the announcement below!!

Central California Members of QCWA located in the area between the Southern and Northern California Chapters, who would like to belong to a proposed Central California Chapter, please drop a postcard to W6YYV, Earl Burdette, 11125 Firmona Ave., Inglewood, California 90304.



Pictured above, on the left, is Russ Estep, W6AUC, receiving the QCWA Meritorius Award, pre-sented by Earle K. Snider, K6TST, President, Nor-Cal Chapter of QCWA. The award was given in recognition for Russ' work over many years, as President, Director, Secretary and Treasurer of the NorCal Chapter, and for helping others with many radio problems. The Presentation was made at the QCWA Breakfast at Santa Cruz, during the ARRL Pacific Division Convention held October 14, 1973

Russ sent in a nice letter with information about Chapter activities.. There were 49 members of the NorCal Chapter at the Santa Cruz breakfast meeting - the QCWAer traveling the greatest distance was found to be John Huntoon, from the ARRL...Don Hawthorne, W6CXU, was at the meeting from his retirement home at Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Chapter's annual picnic at Woodside, California on September 16th was attended by 59 members. The nominating committee presented two candidates for Director, effective January 1, 1974. The candidates were George Smith, W6BNH and Claude Cole, W6YCT. Ballots will be sent in the next bulletin to all members. Ben Wambsganss, W6WOY was named Director to fill out the unexpired term of Jim Paisley, W6CSE who became a silent key. It was announced that the annual dinner will be changed to an annual luncheon because of increasing costs. The next luncheon will be February 10, 1974, in the San Francisco Bay area. Henry Eckart, W6ON has been appointed to make arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE

A nice letter from Patrick Wyman, W9CKU (ex AC2RN). Pat wrote of the old days when he was in Tientsin, China - 1928-1931. He and Henry Nenstiehl operated AC2RN, 45 years ago. Henry is W2EAT in Floral Park Long Island. Pat stated that his brother was at the South Pole in 1957 and that he now lives in Beachhaven, N. J., with the call K2VAV. Pat sent a copy of the Christmas Dinner Menu, December 25, 1928 when he was in Tientsin - what a keepsake! Also received a Calendar from Pat which is good from 1776 to the year 2000!

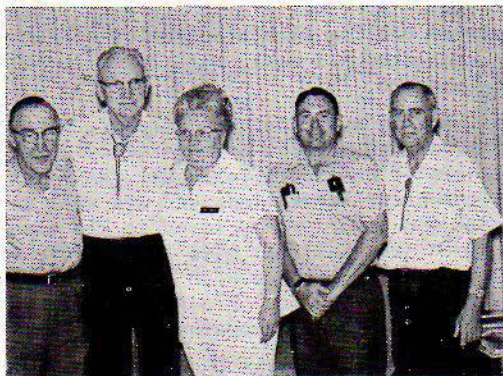
WHAT IS QCWA? - By Bob David, W4YK

Many have asked me what happens at a QCWA meeting. I have attended Chapter meetings all over the country and for the most part they are all about the same. Here's a typical meeting: If the meeting place has a bar there will always be a group there. The guffaws and raucous laughter indicates the latest stories are being circulated. Lots of fun here. Over in one corner a group will be talking earnestly and occasionally someone will point to the ceiling. These are the "Mad Scientists" talking about antennas and the newest in gear and home-brew equipment. In another corner you will find a group talking vociferously and waving their arms. This group is giving hell to the ARRL, Wayne Green, CQ Magazine, the FCC, CBers, traffic nets and DX.

Then comes the luncheon. Wives are usually invited. Many brownie-points are made by members in this way. It gets the wife out of the kitchen for a meal and they are much more amenable to the purchase of a new rig or a keyer or what have you. After lunch the Chairman calls the meeting together and asks for the treasurers report. This always starts the wise-cracks, always in good fun, accusing the Treasurer of buying round-the-world tickets for him and his wife. The secretarys report may or may not be given. Minutes of the previous meeting are seldom read, since no one wants to remember what happened at the last meeting, but usually want to know where and when the next meeting is to be held. This generally constitutes most all official business.. The Chairman then calls for each and every man attending to introduce himself and guests. It's hard to realize that ham radio has so many Bob Hopes, Jack Bennys, and Johnny Carsons in its membership. Some of the call-letter phonetics (not used on the air) are priceless..... Chapters may or may not have a program speaker. If they do have one you can bet he will have some real meat in what he says. If there's one word to describe QCWA it's fellowship -- don't miss out on it!

Seriously, QCWA hasn't really accomplished a thing nationally... It was not designed to be a "Do gooder" organization. About the only time it took a position on anything was during the Incentive Licensing period. This does not mean that it can't do so. If it does the mandate will have to come from the membership at large. Anything we may do in this connection will come from a mature group of respected radio amateurs. It will carry real wallop wherever it goes.

--condensed from FLORIDA SKIP of October, 1973



At left are pictured the El Paso Chapter Board of Directors at their first meeting, held September 30, '73

L-R are: Howard Brokate, W5R0; Tex Burdick, W5BQU; Milly Wise, W5OVH, Sec. & Treasurer; Bob Northrup, W5RAF; Noel Olmstead, who is President and W5FHW; Clyde McNicol, W5NB not in the picture was unable to attend the meeting.

QCWA has received biographical material on two well know Amateurs who have recently become silent keys. In an organization dedicated to fellowship among old-timers, it is desirable to honor those who have been taken from us. We then, dedicate this page to all who have gone before and, writing of two well known and loved old friends, we are according symbolic honor to all who have shared in our unique radio experiences & who have, in living their lives, contributed to the traditions we love!

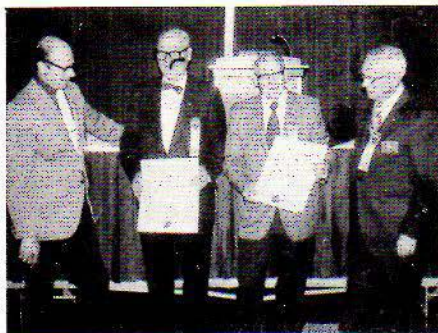
Joe Andrew, W4EFG, born February 10, 1913, living until August 5, 1973. Lt. Col. Joseph D. Andrew was born in Burlington, N. C., the son of J. D. Andrew, pastor of the First Reformed Church. Joe was known as the "Flying Chaplain" flying to isolated outposts over the world to bring comfort to servicemen of all faiths. As Joe's father before him went wherever he was needed, traveling by horse and buggy, giving himself to all in need of comfort and faith, so did his son live. Joe didn't have a horse and buggy - he used an airplane - but he humbly gave himself to the same missions, to those in need, but who were isolated from the rest of humanity. Joe Andrew would have felt just as comfortable in a buggy as in an airplane, for he seldom was tied to systems or procedures. He had a mission, and that was the main point to consider, as he gave himself to people who needed him.

A man is made of the impressions in his life - Col. Andrew was blessed with a lifetime mate, Hilda, who shared his enjoyment of Amateur Radio as he did himself. Hilda, W4HWR, intends to continue visiting other Amateur operators on the air, as Joe would desire. The selflessness of Hilda is best expressed in her own words..."Let us be Glad for Joe..his Spirit joined the God he loved in a matter of seconds..he was well and happy when the heart attack came. Do not be sorry for me....we had 33 wonderful years together, seven in beautiful retirement. What are a few years separation when one considers eternity with God and Loved ones? My faith sustains me!

Roy E. Armstrong, W5FA, born October 26, 1893 living until September 7, 1973. Army, as he was affectionately known, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a very young man he conveniently forgot a couple of birthdays he didn't have, and was examined as a radio engineer - - in 1910. His first Commercial Radio duty occurred in the year 1910, on the SS Camden. Army served in the Navy during WWI, joining the Marconi Co. in Norfolk, Va., in 1920. He began what was to be his life-work with Humble Oil & Refining Company as communications Officer at KDPS a ship to shore station at Baytown, Texas. Army was a graduate Electrical Engineer and served in all capacities dealing with electronics and Communications for Humble Oil. He completed his work, retiring after thirty six years of service, on October 26, 1958.

Since his retirement, Army has been an avid Amateur Operator, participating in the activities of the various traffic and emergency nets in Texas, and was one of the founders of the South Texas Navy MARS service. He was an avid attendant to all Amateur Conventions and was well loved for his happy voice and genuine good humor. Army loved to kid about his "Navel Observers Association." We shall all miss the sparkle in his eyes - the fine CW fist, and his impatience with someone causing unnecessary QRM, so reminiscent of HPM! Old Man! To Army's helpmate, Alma, we of the southwest extend our love and sympathy.

A wise man has said, "show me the manner in which you honor your dead & I will hand you a yardstick by which you may measure your society." We in QCWA pause to remember those who have gone on before us.



Above are pictured four fine QCWA-ers at the Dayton Hamvention, Apr. 29, 1973. L-R are W8LNL, W8DSR, W8ALW and K8UZ. Bill, K8UZ gave us the picture. We can't hardly wait until we are eligible for the 50-year-Certificate ourselves!

We received a letter from Bob Wes-sel, W4PR, relative to his trying to get interest built up in a new QCWA Chapter for Tennessee. Bob has written to a large number of the boys in the area, hoping that a bunch might get together to form a Chapter....we haven't heard from Bob for a while, but would like to mention that if you are interested in a Tennessee Chapter, please get in contact with W4PR!

Den Hoult, G400 (7691) Chairman of Spaulding District of the Amateur Radio Society, wrote a nice letter reproduced herewith:

"Please find enclosed Ballot Paper which I trust is correctly marked. Not knowing the gentlemen involved it is difficult to vote but anyway I am sure that each and every one of them have the interests of QCWA at heart. Have managed to make the Sunday Night Net on 20m twice recently and it has been a pleasure to talk with some of the boys and to listen to their backchat! The band conditions have been very bad lately but they should improve before too long. Many thanks for the newsletters received and very best wishes to all the gang! We don't receive many letters from G-land, and sure are happy you wrote.

Some time ago we requested that all who might have old callbooks let us know, so that we might obtain them for our call-book file. Frank Baker W1ALP sent us a large quantity that filled in 22 spaces in our file. It was kind of Frank, and we shall see that they serve all Amateurs. Some time ago we asked for back issues of QCWA Newsletters. Bob Goettman, W3MAN sent us a nice bunch which we have bound into a group, and which we are using for each Newsletter to obtain historical data, as needed.. Thank you both for your help. W5EJ

Below is shown a pix of Norwood V. Bradshaw, now W2ELN, while he was Radio Officer aboard the SS Creole running fm New York to New Orleans - Brad wrote a nice story, printed on page 36 of the June newsletter. Brad and Ralph, W2BNJ/W6IL, were pals, when they were young so many years ago, and were both members of the "FARTS" back in the 1930's.



Bob Cobaugh, W2NX/W2DTE sent a short letter and a nice picture printed below. Bob isn't sure when the picture was taken, but we'll lay money that W2PF can tell us! L to R are: Leon Hansen, W2FIT; John DiBlasi Sr., W2LKQ; George Bailey, W2KH; Dave Talley, W2PF; next unknown; and Milt Thompson, W2AYC.



W2FIT is now a silent key, John DiBlasi was better known later on with his W2FX. Please, David, can you identify the fifth man from the left and about when the picture was taken?

Pictured below is R. B. Doherty, W6AKZ, with his 1914 spark set, a 1/4 kW transformer, con denser, helix and key with large silver contacts, plus a straight type spark gap. The receiver was a 2-slide tuner with a home-made loading coil and a homebrew version of Dr. Pickards universal "Perikon" detector using Bornite-Chalcopryrite (paired), silicon & molybdenum iron pyrites or galena. Operation about 2800 meters. This station was located in Bisbee, Arizona. An interesting sidelight being that Ralph recently received a letter from W6HGW asking if he was the same Ralph that Tom knew in 1910 - They got together through the QCWA callbook! Bob used the call RD



Tyler-Dallas Chapter - W5IZU-W50GZ

Frank Sewell & Walt Wiederhold who represent the Tyler-Dallas Chapter groups got together for a combined report. Tyler has published a new Roster. Both Chapters worked for a large attendance at Texoma Hamarama this fall. The meeting was a fine one with many good personal & eye-to-eye visits all over. Bert, W5FU made a great contribution to fellowship by handling the program for the QCWA breakfast Sunday Morning. Dallas Chapter President, Barney Moffat & Chuck Vanderpool, W5CJZ & W5NT made a trip to El Paso to get acquainted with a great gang in West Texas, and to make an Official presentation of the El Paso Chapter Charter to Officers of the group. This was an example of personal contribution to friendship in QCWA. A number of QCWA members in The Dallas Chapter are working to promote Amateur Radio - Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ is Treasurer of the S.W. Radio Council, a group given to the goal of assisting all Radio users to maintain standards which will insure that their privileges be kept and improved, where it can be done. Rod Roderick, W5QU has consented to act as NCS for the CW network which was established by the work of Wib Crumbaker, W5DW. Wib has been involved in important personal work recently and has not been able to operate as much as he would like. Rod, W5QU is a fine CW man and is active in the Texas CW Traffic System, and other such activities. We are fortunate that he has consented to handle the CW net each Sunday morning. Everyone wants to thank Wib for his efforts and we hope to hear him on the air very often. We have heard rumors that our old friend, Al Gleske, W5WS has received his 60-year endorsement from QCWA. Our congratulations to Al, a very fine OT who we believe may have a valid claim to be the very first maritime mobile ham operator back in 1915! The Texoma meeting featured a special program honoring silent keys in the 5th district. Bert Gunn, W5FU was in charge of this fine service! 17

Treasure Coast Chapter - W4KEB -

Herbert Combs wrote to report that the Chapter had a fine luncheon on Sept. 8, during the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Clubs Annual Hamfest.. The attendance was not up to regular standards because many members were up north! The meeting featured the presentation of the Golden Fifty Year Certificate to Kenneth Hiler, W4SQ. In the picture below Chapter President Ike Roach, K4QM, makes the presentation.



Treasure Coast was saddened to report the passing of Grover Gnewusch W4DFZ, on September 22, at the age of 66 years. Grover was the one person most responsible for the organization of Treasure Coast Chapter of QCWA. He had served 2 years as President of the Chapter, and at the time of his passing was the Chapter treasurer.

The Chapter confirms that Creed Chorpeneing, W4TZ is indeed the one listed by Wireless Association of America as "CM" in 1913! The Fall luncheon of the Chapter was held at The Hilltop, Ft. Pierce, on Sept 29 too late to get a report and pix in the news this time! Election of Officers is scheduled for that time.

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The Officer had chased and caught a convertible doing 90!! The driver took the speeding ticket out of the cop's hand and sneered: "and just what am I supposed to do with this?"

"Keep it, said the policeman. "And when you've collected four of them, you get a bicycle." - De W2ELN!



At left, are shown the President of the Central Oklahoma Chapter, Red Maier W5RDE, on the right, George Holt, W5DDI, Secretary of the Chapter. The Pix was taken by W5YZ during August of 1973.

Congratulations to the Central Oklahoma Chapter, formed this year - a few of those responsible are shown here.



Ellard Foster, W5KE



Glenn Knappenberger
W5LOL

The Chapter announced that a Nominating Committee was to be appointed at the next meeting which was to be held November 15, at Sirloin Stockade, in Oklahoma City. Discussion was to be held with respect to the On-The-Air Meeting which is now held at 3850 kHz at 1330 GMT each Sun. morning.

The Oklahoma City Chapter is a very fortunate unit, having such a wealth of talent from which Officers and Directors may be drawn. I doubt that any Chapter in America has more Electronic Engineers as members - due to the FAA Depot in that City. Most of the boys were in attendance at Texoma Hamarama on October 27-28, and it was a pleasure to visit with them. It is additionally interesting to note how many fine manufacturers of electronic equipment - beautiful frequency counters, quartz xtal units and all of the delux goodies made possible by IC's and talent!

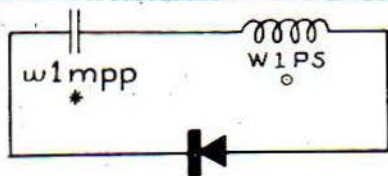
Red Maier, W5RDE, Chapter President is pumping for candidates to run in the upcoming election - I think he puts it well and true - Red Says, - - "I'm not a believer in the same ol' boys year after year holding the officers jobs. There really isn't that much work since the Chapter is meeting only quarterly. I don't think any of us have been overworked, but the point is - we will have a healthier, more active chapter by changing, rotating, or otherwise electing new officers every year."



Pictured above are those attending the Annual Michigan Chapter picnic held August 15, at Kenwood Park in Cadillac, Michigan, with 45 attending members and their XYL's. Kenwood Park turned out to be the best place to have a picnic, especially in the middle of the week, because the Chapter had the park to themselves. There were plenty of eyeball QSO's and food for an army! Tom Fifer, K8BKF made an informative discussion on the FCC and how it works. He would like to become an FCC Commissioner, and the Chapter believes he would make a good one since he has all the necessary qualifications. He is an active Amateur and interested in helping Ham Radio.

MEMORANDUM TO ALL CHAPTERS:.....:

The QCWA Booklet is very popular - in a short time it will be issued again, and we are asking that you send in latest information on all on-the-air meetings, frequencies, times and dates, and net control-stations. Send to Col. Gus, W2JE so that he can update page 7 of the QCWA booklet by January 1 '74.



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Chatham, N. H.

OCT. 12, 1948

* Eunice Randall
o George Kenneth Thompson

QTH
Lovell, Maine

Frank, WIALP sent in the circuit above. QCWA honors two lovely W-ones, connected up for 25 years!

SILENT-KEY - New York, September 19, 1973. Carman R. Runyan, Jr., 130 East End Avenue, a pioneer in the development of FM radio, died today at the age of 80.

In 1934 Mr. Runyan helped his old friend Major Howard Armstrong, by building the first FM station at 544 North Broadway in Yonkers, Mr. Runyan's home at the time. From this station W2AG, Runyan beamed the first public FM signals to a meeting of the IRE at the Engineers Building on 39th Street in New York City, on the evening of November 5, 1935.

Mr. Runyan was founder-President of Radio Engineering Laboratories (REL), the first firm licensed to manufacture FM equipment. Runyan was an early Amateur, and one of the founding members of the Radio Club of America, of the IRE and a recipient of the Armstrong Medal.

He served as a Naval Officer for both world wars, resigning his Commission as Commander in 1945.

QCWA records the passing of Radio Pioneer Carman Runyan and extends sympathy to this family & friends



Shown above is a neat & Ship-shape operating position of Ken Hiler, W4SQ. Ken was originally 2SQ, and has been communicating 62 years at least!

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER - W2HX -

B. B. Wentzel sent in a nice note on the September meeting attended by 106 members and guests. This meeting at the Buck Hotel was the "Real Thing" - featuring Joe Hert-zberg, K3JH, who held the gang in suspense with pictures and movies of a story book antenna erection.. I would sure have liked to see the pictures. It would be nice to see how the Chapter arranges for those free cocktails. Harry McConaghy, W3SW, ARRL Director for the Atlantic Division spoke on activities at League Headquarters. Press Funk, W3MFY, gave a nice group of prizes from Hamtronics...The next Chapter meeting is scheduled on November 10, at the Buck Hotel in Feaster-ville, Pa. It is the Annual meet-ing and promises a surprize to all who attend.

DETROIT METRO CHAPTER - W8CAT -

Dick McNutt, W8CAT, is preparing a short vacation trip to Florida but took time to give some information on activities in Michigan. It has been just about a year since for-mation of the Metro Chapter. Many informal-friendly meetings are now pleasant memories. 50-year awards have been presented to W8DBR, W8CY W8RK, W8LN and W8DX. Dick Cotton, W8DX, ex-boss of the FCC gave fine

demonstrations and discussion on SSTV. George Goldstone, W8AP held forth on "Environmental Laws with respect to Ham Radio." Ted, W8CY, has left to renew his sun-tan down in sunny Florida..he may turn up with a new 4-call! On October 9th W8LZV, W8NEC, W8CAT & W8PDK, were honored at a 25-year celebration of Detroit's WXYZ. I wonder if any of that gang were with WXYZ during the time that XYZ recorded so many of the 15-minute radio dramas long ago?

SPECIAL NOTE: - Earl Nelson, W8DS wrote to ask that we announce that Cleveland Chapter has a new Secty. John L. Steinfeld, W8LXT, 1568 Sheridan Road, South Euclid, Ohio, 44121 assumes the duties.that were given up by Mel Johns due to sick-ness.

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA CHAPTER - VK2APQ

Just a short note from Pierce Healy reporting on the Annual meeting of the Sydney Chapter, held September 12, 1973 at the North Sydney ANZAC Memorial RSL Club. Officers were elected, with the retiring group re-elected, unopposed. They are:

Harry Caldecott, VK2DA, President
Pierce Healy, VK2APQ, Secretary
Brian Anderson, VK2AND, Treasurer

QCWA members everywhere wish this fine Chapter much success in the 1974 QSO Party - there are a few interesting rule changes this year that might help our VK friends. Be certain to send us some pix of that wonderful Christmas Party!

NOTE FROM W2JE

As you know, 1974 is the year for a new membership Roster. Gus will appreciate you sending him address changes immediately, so that there will be as few last-minute changes as possible, and in plenty of time to insure that you are listed just exactly right in the new roster.

Address your information to Gus in Mamaroneck, Box 394, Zip 10543. It is important, and rows the time!



Photographer
L. Michel,

The Picture above was taken at the Annual Meeting held at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington on June 9 and 10, 1973. No way to get that many names on one page, but the call-letters are all here.

Front Row: W7QA; W7SAB; W7CLN; W7AN; W7LCS; K7RZZ; W7BWG; W7JAC; W7APK; K7OZA; W7IYU/W6LXP.

Second Row: W7TU; W7GRM; VE7LL; W7ROL; W7AG; VE7VP; W7ERL; W7AUK; W7OS; W7LQ; W7PP; W7PN; W7JY
W7TNA; VE7KC; W7MEA; W7IE.

Third Row: W7RY; W7AYO; W7GRE; W7BV; W7LT; W7DG; VE7UM; W7CWN; W7HF; W7FMF; K7AN; VE7VR; W7MFG;
W6BLC.

Fourth Row: W7NC; W7WK; W7DDQ; W7AGV; VE7AJC; W7SO; W7IC/K7IC; W7PI; W7UO; W7HJU; W7KU; VE7JT;
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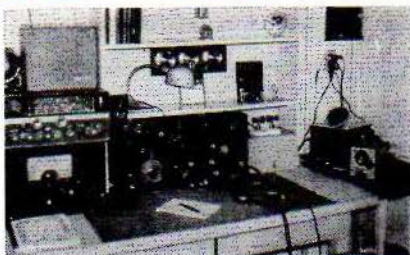


Shown above are L - R, Jerry Morgan W5ABQ, San Antonio, Texas with Rod Roderick, W5QU of Fort Worth, Texas. Both are RM's for ARRL, Jerry works for South Texas, and Rod for North Texas. Both are likewise members of the Texas CW Traffic Net. The picture was taken during the Texas CW Net picnic on July 21, 1973. We are proud of both men - and many of the QCWA members around the Country are familiar with W5QU, who is now NCS for the Texas CW QCWA meeting on the air.

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Bill DeWitt, W2DD wrote to our good friend, B. B. Wentzel, W2HX on how to apply for the 50-year award. He now has the information! Bill said he was 8BRD back in 1923. We want to mention that Bill authored a CQ (October) article telling about use of a Hughes Aircraft Company scan-converter can be used to view Amateur SSTV on a conventional TV monitor. As Bill says, there you are, from spark coil to TV in only fifty years! Why did it take so long?

Only one thing is certain now - the 50-year Certificate will soon be on its way to W2DD--



The picture above sent by Peter B. Schroeder, WIPNY, showing the monitoring section of his Marconi Room. The receive is a mint IP501-A. Pete is listed in the 1920 callbook with 9AHQ! It is well to mention that W2QY was responsible for restoring that beautiful 501A.

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HOUSTON CHAPTER - W5YZ -

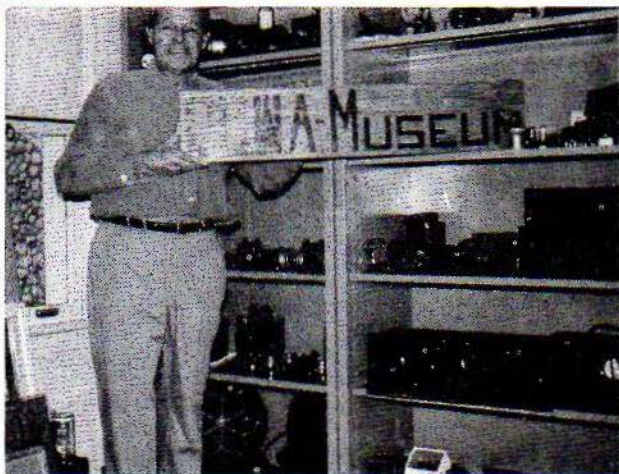
Monte, W5YZ, reports on the recent election of officers. Those voted in for the 1974 term of office are:

Otho Lindsey, W5FR, President
 David Allen, W5KV, Vce President
 Monte Montemayor, W5YZ, Sty-Trs.
 Gerry Sears, W5AIR, Director
 Charles White, W5NC, Director
 Clarence Scott, W5GPD, Director
 Hal Sears, W5NC, Director
 Leroy Ruetz, WA5RDO, Director
 Tome Lytle, W5WR, Director

The Houston Chapter is working on a plan which might see a QCWA 2-meter repeater built in Houston. Monte is working to establish a National 2-meter calling frequency. The Plan being formulated is based on allocation studies made by Jack Mason.. The plan has much merit, and we are planning on publishing the proposal when completed. Monte and Frank in a special show, presented beautiful pictures of numbers of QCWA meeting events, while in the Texoma Hamfest on October 27. It was a nice show appreciated by all who saw it.

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W9CKU sent in a short story relayed from Tibet. It dealt with definition of the word "Coolie." CKU says a "Coolie" is a quickie in the snow --nuf said!



Clarence Seid, W2KW is shown above with a portion of the home of the QCWA Museum. Clarence has worked hard to bring the Museum into Existence. QCWA members are invited to visit the Museum when they are in the area, and it is requested that any members having old-time equipment consider bequeathing it to QCWA. It appears that Clarence has quite a good start on bringing together a fine display of Radio equipment from times long ago - I'd like to get a closer look myself!

Texla-Golden Triangle Chapter - W5M00 -

Charles sent in the First Edition of the Chapter newsletter, and he says that it may be the last - so save it for a collectors item! It was a fine recap of the Chapters activities for 1973. The first meeting of 1973 was held February 7, at Storey's Seafood Restaurant near Port Arthur - a fine meeting featuring Mr. E. D. Coburn, retired long time FCC representative in the area. It was a good program and well received...Arden Clinger, W5CCD spoke for the Lake Charles Group and invited the Chapter to hold its next meeting in that City. Memorial ceremonies were spoken for two Chapter members who had become silent keys. President Bob Stephens, W5MKX requested Charles Poston to perform the ceremony. - On August 11 the Chapter met at Picadilly Cafeteria in Lake Charles..42 persons were in attendance. W5CCD headed a team who arranged for a fine display of antique radio equipment. It was the pleasure of W5M00 to unveil the new Chapter Banner, which will be featured at future meetings. Forest Gaspard, W5BWZ, was honored as an outstanding Amateur, being a forty-four year veteran of Ham Radio. Roger White, W5SKW, presented Forest an appropriate gift and thrilled the group with an account of the recipients' many and varied accomplishments in Public Service through Ham Radio. It was agreed to establish dues for the Chapter Members of \$3 per year, payable in Jan. 1974.

On September 7, 1973 the Golden Triangle held another meeting. It was a saddened group to note that Martin K. Thomen, W5NMV passed away on the 7th. Martin was a prominent Citizien, twice Mayor of Orange, Texas, Martin was a devoted Ham Operator and a Chapter member. He will be long remembers. A number of appointments were made by Bob, W5MKX-W5APX & W5XM were charged with setting date, place & time for future meetings.

W5ICL & WA5DIK for programs, W5GNX & W5ccd Publicity & K5INE, Photos!

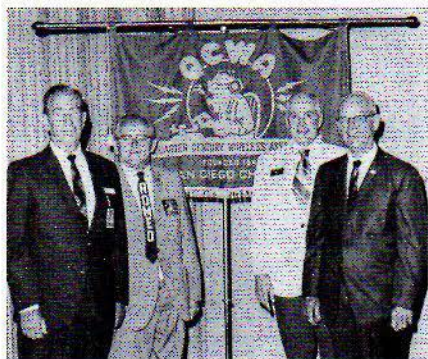
W5AA - Who among us haven't wondered about the men across the U.S. who have the premier calls W1AA to W0AA. To find out about this we asked Ralph Rea, W5AA to tell us a little bit about himself. Ralph stated that he began studying the code, and gathering bits of information at about 12 years of age, and finally convinced his father to drive about 40 miles to the home of W5PP/W5AJ0 who, together with W5VQ gave him a code and theory test...after a terrible wait of seemingly years, that wonderful license and call were received on September 28, 1931. Ralph had been hoping and while waiting, had put up a "zepp" antenna and had built a Pilot Super Wasp receiver and a transmitter, using a pair of 245's in a TNT circuit with a pair of 250's as modulators, a 201-A in the speech amplifier and a carbon microphone. Ralph recalls the problems in trying to get the christmas-tree bulbs on the "zepp feeders" to increase in brilliancy when modulating the transmitter. His first contact was with Raymond Willis, W5AT0, of Granite, Oklahoma. Raymond still recalls the first contact and how nervous Ralph seemed to be....

After finishing school Ralph obtained a Commercial License, and entered broadcasting - and got married - and in 1941 joined the CAA. He was later transferred to the Central Depot engineering department. During WW-I Ralph saw Naval Duty at San Diego, Gulfport, Chicago and others.. After the war he returned to the CAA, as Chief Engineer. The job was transferred to the Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City in 1957. He has remained in CAA-FAA work although past the time when he might retire. In closing, Ralph stated, "My amateur radio experience, coupled with my engineering career has given me a most interesting, profitable, and challenging life. I attribute a large share of the personal rewards to the fact that I was strongly encouraged both by my family and friends to pursue this vast radio-world at an early age. I heartily recommend the introduction of young people to our exciting activity if they exhibit any interest at all. I am truly proud to have been the owner and operator of Amateur Radio W5AA for the past forty-plus years!"

SUWANNEE CHAPTER - Carl Coleman, W4WJ reported on the Activities over the summer season. On August 25, the Chapter held a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn at Silver Springs, with 45 in attendance. Business was handled with the Treasurer, W4SZ reporting \$48 in the bank! It is planned to hold the next Chapter meeting at Jacksonville, with W4BRZ, Tony, in charge of arrangements made for the Ramada Inn on Hwy 1-10. Gene Berato, WA4NKE, the newest member in the Chapter gave a very fine talk with some beautiful pictures taken while he was in Alaska. Chapter election returns have come up, the voting and ballot counting has been completed and the following members have been elected, or continued in office:

Carl Coleman, W4WJ - President
Harold Sturm, W4UCF, Vice President
Frank McCullough, W4WWH, Secretary
Ted Gormsen, W4SZ, Treasurer
Kenneth Cox, W4FYE, News Manager

Suwannee Chapter announces that anyone in the north-Florida area that would like to become a member is sure welcome. An On-The-Air-Meeting is held each Saturday at 9 AM on 3940 kHz. You might set in for a few times to get acquainted, and then join up! The Chapter took a stand on the controversial 220 MHz band problem, and filed comments with the FCC regarding the proposed allocation of a portion to the band to "CB" operators. This sort of activity is in the tradition of responsible Amateur Operation and we commend the Suwannee Chapter. Dues are Due!

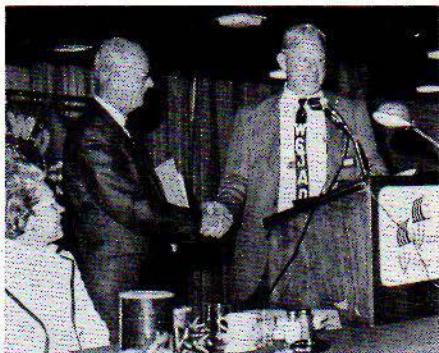


San Diego Chapter QCWA - W60ED --

Gene, W60ED reported on the September meeting held at Vacation Village Hotel on Mission Bay. Some excellent pix were sent in courtesy of Lon Allbright, W6SLF. At Left are the New Chapter Officers, L-R are: W. P. (Si) Morrison, W60SD, Secretary; Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM, Treasurer; Art Smith W6INI, Vice President; and, Bob Crain K6CM, President.

Below are shown Jerry Estep, W6JAO, immediate past President congratulating Bob Crain, newly elected Prexy

of this live-wire Chapter.. Retiring President Jerry was given a big round of applause for his work on behalf of the Chapter. Sam Dear, W6BWP, General Chairman for the 1974 ARRL SW Division Convention, gave a real fine talk on the desire and aspirations of the San Diego Radio Council to provide an outstanding Convention, scheduled for November 1, 2 & 3 of 1974. He was able to recruit several Chapter members to accept responsible jobs. The September meeting also featured an interesting talk, illustrated with slides, presented by Mr. George Marchyshyn, Director of Engineering, Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre, Balboa Park, San Diego... He spoke on "New Concepts in Planetarium Design." He described new architectural concepts as well as the instrumentation which is programmed by computer. The Balboa Park design has attracted visitors world wide. On July 29, a number of Chapter members attended a meeting with the "Colegas y Amigos," a Southern California and Mexico Amateur Radio Mobile Group. It was a breakfast meeting at the Town and Country Hotel. The program related to the construction of Amateur Satellites, and was presented by Jay Halladay, W6EJJ. Members are reminded that the San Diego Chapter meets every Wednesday at 8PM, PST, on 28.6 MHz. The Chapter thanks Gus for sending out the 50-year award Certificates in time for the meeting!



MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER - W2QXA

Maurice Landers, W2QXA writes in with information on the Fall meeting of the Chapter, held November 3, 1973, at the Ranch Restaurant near Utica. A fine meal was enjoyed by 21 members with their xyl's. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

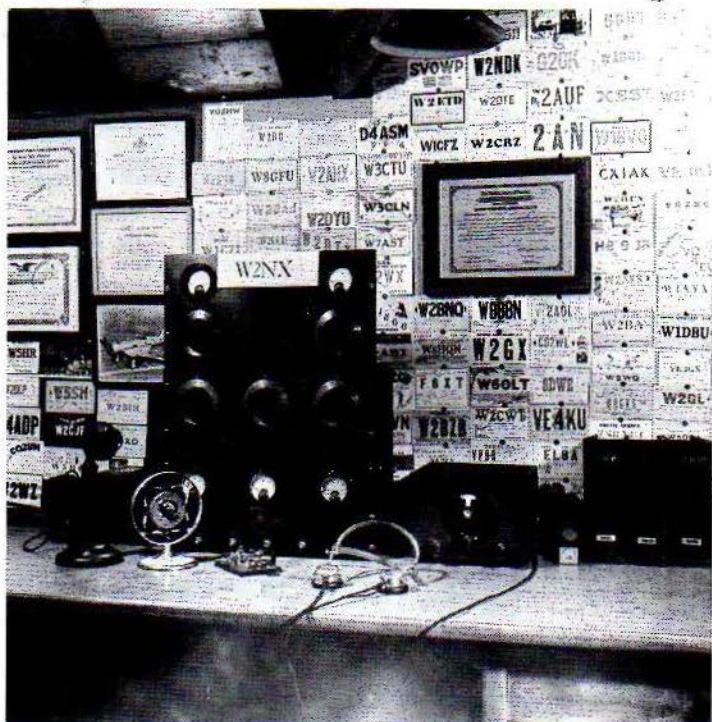
Ken Gardner, W2BGN, President

Dave Youmans, W2TTH, Secretary

Highlite of the evening was the presentation of the fifty-year Golden Certificate to Don Farrell, W2GA, who then reciprocated by regaling the group with several stories and from memory the complete Service Poem: "The Cremation of Sam Magee." No photographs were taken, but Morry plans on getting some at the next meeting!



Here's a fully equipped station - that of G6LK, Ted, of Cranleigh, Surrey. Ted is recovering from two strokes and trying very hard to get back into the swing of Amateur Activities. He is member # 6280 and we are all hoping that he enjoys full recover very soon indeed.



Bob Cough, W2NX sent in the above picture with the notation that it was a recent picture of his ham-shack - Bob must have tangled with a "time machine" - It is a 1933 station using a National SW-3 receiver and a Collins 32B transmitter - The QSL cards are a treasure to study and that old "ticket" on the wall is a beauty! Thanks Bob, very much

El Paso Chapter - W5OVH -

After several months of hard work and patience, El Paso Chapter has become a full member in the QCWA Family. We are all proud to report that Officers and Directors have been elected, and the Chapter Charter has been received and properly presented. At left you will see Barney Moffat, W5CJZ, President of Dallas Chapter QCWA, formally presenting the El Paso Chapter Charter to Noel C. Olmstead, WB5FHW, President of the El Paso Chapter. A fine example of fellowship - Barney, with Chuck Vanderpool, W5NT, went to El Paso for this event, renewing many old acquaintances in the process... We are proud of El Paso! The Chapter has more than 20 Charter members



and more than 7 of these are 50-year men! At the left is a picture of most of the El Paso group taken at the Official Charter Presentation October 13, 1973.

Elected Officers for the El Paso Area Chapter for the 1974 year are as follows:



President - Noel C. Olmstead, WB5FHW
 Secretary-Treasurer - Amelia A. Wise, W5OVH
 Director - Howard H. Brokate, W5RO
 Director - Clyde C. McNicol, W5NB
 Director - Robert C. Northrup, W5RAF
 Director - B. H. Burdick, W5BQU

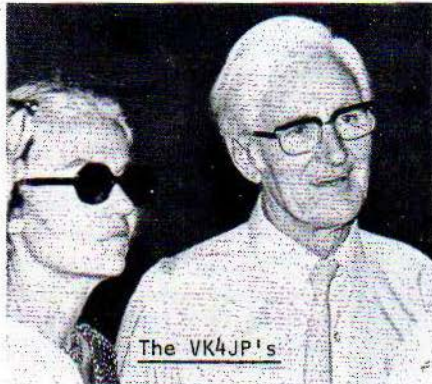
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NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER - W1DJ - Harry Wills writes of news in the New England area. Since the yearly meeting and elections held May 18, 1973 membership in the NE Chapter has increased by 11 members, and the Sunday morning on-the-air meeting recorded 37 check-ins. NE Chapter sponsored a QCWA luncheon at the NE Division Convention. It was well attended & featured 50-year Golden Certificate Awards to W1ZS, W1LRM and W1BHD... On Saturday night, W1DJ hosted a party, supported by the xyl and W1Kj and his xyl...it was a fine meeting, and lasted til after midnight.

The Chapter picnic was held October 13 on the shore of Knops Pond in Groton, Mass., on the grounds of the home of Clint & Pily Cummings, W1EFY - and was enjoyed by all in attendance. QCWA members from Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts were at the meeting. Norm Young W1Hx & xyl Tisha, W1NUO with Howie Ferris, W1Hz and xyl are enjoying a holiday in England. K1AAQ, and Kay are visiting in Quebec, with VE2HB. They are hopeful of attending the Convention at Scottsdale on October 28. W1BRI, Art, celebrated his 73rd birthday on Aug. 8. '73 while Hollis Polk left the cool New Hampshire hills for Florida. It was nice to welcome W1CTX, a 50-year man to the NE Chapter! W1VN is recuperating from an operation, while Frank, W1ALP, Dean of ARRL's SCM's is now a resident of a mobile home park in Halifax, Massachusetts

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER - W9RC -

The Chicago Area Chapter went full steam ahead in the first year after its organization. As you all know,, it is sponsoring the Annual QSO Party and having fine meetings like the Sunday Brunch held August 26, at Itasca Country Club. Fifty members and guests were present... George Gray, VK4JP and xyl Blanche were present at the meeting guests of Vern & Ardith Mills, the W9GR's



The VK4JP's

President McRae, W9RC announced a miracle - the Chapter's treasury is solvent! Greetings were sent to those unable to attend, mostly those absent were on vacation. It was reported that Bill Holst, W9MD had been in the hospital nursing a broken leg! New Members signed up were W9NQM, Glenn Webster, and Hal Hart, W9MEL .. Welcome! The food was fine, the fellowship was even better. Shown below are the Vern Mills, W9GR - what a happy smile!



The letters QCWA are "Greek" to some, but spell friendship to all!

NORTHWEST CHAPTER - W7OS -

Northwest Chapter of QCWA with the Radio Club of Tacoma were invited to display some material from the Museum of Old Time Radio Equipment in connection with activities held to spotlight "Radio Appreciation" week. Mr. Warren Gree, W7JY, who is curator of the museum designed the display that was spotlighted at the Tacoma Mall. Members of the Tacoma Radio Club manned the booth. Dr. Spike, W7OS managed the arrangements for the show.

The Chapter elected officers below
Jack Robinson, W7MEA, President
Mort Mortensen, VE7KM, V.-President
Hal Johnston, W7PN, Scty - Treas.

The new President announced heads of Committees and NCS as follows:

George A. Onsum, W7IC, membership,
Warren Green, W7JY, Curator
Dewey Wilson, W7HF, Historian
Stan Belliveau, W7AYO, Ntl. Rep.

Bill Fuller, W7OZA NCS, 3655 kHz,
8:30AM, Sundays

Horace Doe, W7AG NCS, 3955 kHz at
3:00PM, Sundays

Whitey White, W7GRE NCS 7260 kHz,
12 Noon Daily!

All net times are local Pacific!!!

The Chapter reported silent keys:

Mr. Hoyt Horton, W7HL
Mr. Norman Fitz, W7BON

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER - W5RQH -

Irving Wolfe, W5RQH reports that a Chapter meeting was held September 12 - the first in a long time, and that plans are underway setting up re-organization of the Chapter. He reports that tentatively 4 meeting dates a year are planned. Members are hoping to obtain a Banner as a rallying centerpiece - and we are sure that much good news will come out of "Ole Shreveport." Pictures, stories and all are sure welcome! Irving has been awarded the first "Industry 50-Year Citation" by RCA in recognition of his work beginning in 1923 with American Sales to the Interstate Company in 1973.

Now See This!! - We have received a truly excellent idea from Mac McGraw, W5QB. Mac has suggested that QCWA might prepare a bar, to be either attached directly, or with small metal rings, to the familiar QCWA lapel pin. We have prepared a simple sketch, at the right, showing about what is proposed. If such a device is practical, it might be awarded to QCWA members having 50 years or more of service to Amateur Radio. It would be desirable to make the bars in 5-year increments with awards at 50, 55, 60 and 65 years in Amateur Radio. It has occurred to us that a plan of this type might be popular with all QCWA members, and that the bar might be made available, at cost, for 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years service...and that for members of 50 years or more, at no cost. It is possible that a small charge above cost might be made of those younger members, to assist in paying for the bars for the older members. In the sketch above, the bars would be attached by tiny loops, similar to the manner by which the Army attaches bars denoting higher grades in rifle shooting. While this idea seems fine here, it is advisable that if members like it, that it be discussed in Chapter meetings, and then if desired, Chapter Officers may transmit the members feelings to the President and Board of Directors of National QCWA for their action. It is certain that there would be some first tooling costs involved, and these would have to be paid, probably by the members, since the National Organization is having fits paying the postage bill now-a-days! Think it over, let us know what you think, and better yet, let your Chapter Officials see how you feel about it.



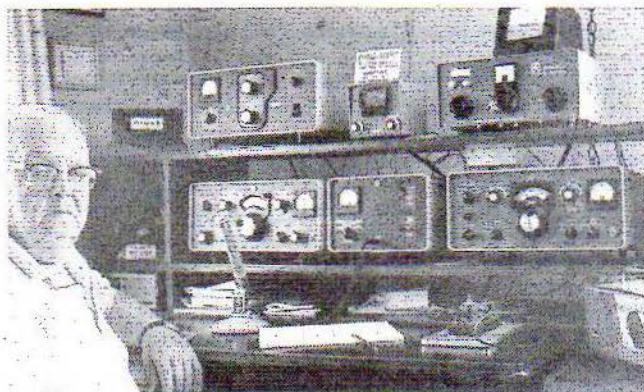
REMARKS ON THE ELECTION - Elsewhere in this issue of the News will be found a report on the ballots cast and the Officers elected. A number of members have commented on the lack of alternate candidates offered on the Ballot. It is probable that the exact function of the nominating committee is not clearly known. It is our understanding, from Art. VI, Sec. 1 and 2, that the Nominating Committee is charged with submitting a slate of candidates. This they did - and it should be remarked that the job is difficult. The Committee first determines the eligibility of candidates, and then contacts them to determine whether they would be willing to serve. In this connection, it is well to say that Officers & Directors must pay their own way - QCWA pays nothing to any Officer or Director. The Nominating Committee has neither the time or the familiarity with possible candidates throughout the whole Country & for this reason is generally only able to provide one suitable candidate for each Office. The By-laws provide a means for members throughout the Country to nominate, by petition candidates for any Office. It was requested in both the March & June issues of the Newsletter, hoping that Chapters throughout the Country would find good candidates, and that they would make the nominations by petition. This was done in one case only!

It may be that members throughout the Country might have recommendation they would like to make for clarification of the Nominating Committees' duties, for the Balloting, and so forth. If this is the case, we would point out that a method exists for such activity. As you know, our by-laws provide the rules for such functions, as outlined in Article VI.. Amendments to the by-laws can be made readily, if membership will make its wishes known to the Directors. The best method would be for each Chapter to draw up a bill of particulars representing the wishes of its membership, and to present this bill to the Directors, with recommended action. If the case has merit, it is certain that the Directors will provide the required additions or modifications to the by-laws!

Old Hickory, Tennessee - K4PR -

Back in August, 1973, Bob Wessel, K4PR went to work trying to establish a QCWA Chapter in Tennessee. He had gathered a fairly good bunch with interest in forming a Chapter, and had proposed that the group have a meeting sometime in November with the idea of trying to lay the ground work. It was planned to elect officers, and attempting to get enuf of those present to agree to serve on the Board of Directors. He was in hopes of getting enough present for the meeting so that might sign a petition for Chapter Status (need 10 members). So far this fall we haven't heard from Bob as to the outcome of this venture...all we can say is that we hope he is successful, and that if any members in the Tennessee area are interested in the formation of a new Chapter, try to contact Bob Wessel, K4PR, 40 Jones Circle, Old Hickory, Tenn. 37138.

Correspondence - A letter from Hughie Siegel, K2CP written to get the editorial gang of the Newsletter on the Beam! The June newsletter was inaccurate in showing Hughie as NCS for the QCWA on-the-air meeting. It has been called to our attention that the Finger Lakes and Mohawk Valley Chapters have a joint meeting on the air now, at 9:30 AM local time on 3880 kHz..the NCS is not a fixed station, but recently has been W2KFJ or W2WS...and sometimes just the first one to show up! Hughie is on record with the opinion that if QCWA wants to take a stand, then he would like to comment on the 220-225 MHz band..He is for sharing it with the CB only provided that the 27 MHz band is forbidden for personal use at the same time!



From Canton Chapter here's old Otto McVey, W8RZ, Chm of the Chapter with a fine setup!



As you good members and good friends in QCWA receive and read this bit of news from other QCWA members about the Country, it will be the Holiday Season...A time of Cheer, and of Goodwill toward our fellow man! Speaking for Gus Gironda and myself, we both want to thank you for the fellowship you have given us, for your friendship, and for giving us the feeling that by working for you in QCWA we are helping create a finer world for all to live in. QCWA standing for friendship and caring in its small way is contributing to understanding among men everywhere - and this the world needs more than anything else! Merry Christmas to all!

ELECTION RESULTS 1973

For Pres - W2ALS 2841 votes
 For Vice Pres - W6ATC 2841 Votes
 For Treasurer - K4IDC 2820 votes
 For Secretary - W1DJ 2812 votes

Board Members

W4YK - 2594 votes
 W5EJ - 1916 votes
 W8HG - 2559 votes
 W8KW - 2770 votes
 W4QR - 2525 votes
 W2KW - 2576 votes

3179 ballots were counted, 49 were voided.

We the undersigned tellers, attest,
 that we opened and counted the
 ballots and verify the count as
 above

Harry Douglas

Harry Douglas, W2CJ

Merritt Kirchhoff

Merritt Kirchhoff, W2FAR

Voting by Districts:-

1st-219 - 2d 500 - 3d 272
 4th 434 - 5th 282 - 6th 409
 7th 221 - 8th 396 - 9th 215
 10 165 - KP's KH etc 12
 Canadian 41, foreign 23
 (Envelopes counted, some had
 blank ballots which are not
 counted in the totals for
 voting)

WHO'S HOO

OLD	NEW CALL	OLD	NEW CALL
W2APR	W2K0	W5MCV	K411R
W2ARZ	K4JFN	W6ADP	W6AQ
W2FF	K41KN	K6PSE	K6YQ
K2GDY	W1GHX	W8CY	K4WQ
W2LAL	W4AKQ	W8FXD	W8LCK
WA2LGZ	K2IU	W8JH	K6YR
WB2OQR	WA4FWZ	W8OUZ	K4HNU
W2VEF	K4JHG	W9BAS	K4JKU
W3GZ	W4BD	W9EJM	W5TPR
W3LWE	K3CI	W9JWT	W5TGU
W3MM	W8PY	WA9QUU	WA7WJX
W3UJ	K4UZ	W9UHY	W8LZH
W4KL	W7YI	W9VJ	K41RW
W4LCY	W5QPH		

SILENT KEYS

X2ZE	Paul Godley
W1AJA	G. J. Etter
W1AWD	A. R. Pierce
W1HLY	G. V. Ebbitts
W2AG	C. R. Runyon
W2CQ	E. A. Pierson
W2EAS	W. S. Felch
WA2HIQ	G. F. Duvall
W2MD	R. Dupont
W2QZ	Ben Russ
W2SVR	H. L. Estberg
W3GQV	M. W. Spencer
W3HDZ	A. J. Freitag
W3QHS	P. V. Trice
W4BE	C. W. Davison
W4DFZ	G. W. Gnewuch
K4FP	J. F. Smith
W4KKY	E. Olsen
K4LV	O. A. Thompson
W5FA	R. E. Armstrong
WB5FIW	J. W. Livingston
W5MOQ	W. W. Bell
W5NMV	M. K. Thomen
W5PLJ	M. D. Klein
W6CSE	J. H. Paisley
W6FP	J. R. Carpenter
W7KR	H. R. Brock
W7LGN	H. Cahn
W8CAQ	G. R. Luoma
W8GXH	H. P. Bitzer
W8KSL	A. T. Clarkston
W8RJ	N. C. Lewis
W8WC	A. A. Michel
W8YWF	H. A. Hughson
W9AZK	Hal Vaughan
W0UC	L. L. Brent
VE3IC	D. S. Jackson

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

LIFE MEMBERS SINCE LAST ISSUE

W1HXL W1KK WB2CMO W2ELN K2EK
 W20EQ W2UM W3JQ W4ETE WB4JAI
 W5ANB W6IC WB6IZE K6UYK W7KXH
 W7VW W8GJX W9DCE W9SWH W0HXH
 W0IYR VE3CK VE7TT VK6WT & K4BBV

...Womens Lib is picketing
 churches, next...too many Hymns
 not enough hers....

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QCWA NETS

Weds: 8PM EASTN TIME 7035kHz
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Sun: 14345 kHz 5:PM Eastn Time
W2AIM NCS East
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